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SUBJECT: SUPREME COURT DECISION ON ALIEN WORKERS CONFUSING
TO MEXICANS

1. SUPREME COURT DECISION WIDELY REPORTED IN NOV. 26 PRESS CONCERNING GREEN CARD HOLDERS IN CERTAIN TO BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY MEXICAN PUBLIC. PRO-GOVERNMENT NACIONAL HEADLINES "IT'S LEGAL TO CONTRACT BRACEROS IN THE U.S. SUPREME COURT DECIDES." CONSERVATIVE HERALDO'S MAIN HEADLINE IS "BRACEROS CAN LEGALLY ENTER U.S." INFLUENTIAL EXCELSIOR, WITH SIMILAR HEADLINES, SAYS U.S. WILL RECEIVE 8,300 TEMPORARY WORKERS; "A FOREIGN TEMPORARY WORKER . . . RECEIVES A GREEN CARD AND DOES NOT NEED A VISA. MOREOVER, THE NUMBER OF THESE MIGRATORY WORKERS IS NOT LIMITED." MOST ARTICLES INDICATE THAT ILLEGAL WORKERS ARE NOT COVERED BY THE DECISION BUT THIS DETAIL IS GENERALLY BURIED IN TEXT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, EMBASSY IS INDICATING THAT SUPREME COURT DECISION AFFECTED ONLY FOREIGNERS WHO HAD LEGALLY IMMIGRATED INTO THE U.S. AND WERE ISSUED "GREEN CARDS". IT IS DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, THAT CLARIFICATIONS WILL EVER OVERTAKE HEADLINES AND GARBLED COMMENTS BY MEXICAN PRESS. (SOME U.S. WIRE SERVICE ITEMS SIMILARLY REFLECT CONFUSION ON DECISION, RELATING IT TO MEXICAN INTERESTS IN IMPROVING STATUS OF ITS NATIONALS ILLEGALLY IN U.S.) POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT INCREASED NUMBER OF MEXICANS SEEKING ENTRY TO U.S. WILL TRAVEL TO BORDER

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BECAUSE OF CONFUSION AND MISUNDERSTANDING SURROUNDING SUBJECT

DECISION. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY IS PREPARING PRESS RELEASE
CLARIFYING SUBJECT DECISION TO BE ISSUED TODAY.
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